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Chrastava: Production of Tractor Engine Spare Parts/
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Location

2. "The TOTEX factory is located on the southern side of Chrastava. The factory area is approximately 400 m (North-South) by 270 m. It is bounded on the north by the road to Bily Kostel. The Chrastava railway station and the railway line Liberec - Hradek nad Nisou lie to the east. To the south of the factory are meadows. To the west is the Nisa River, with a forest behind.
3. "The northern and eastern sides of the factory area are protected by a fence of iron posts 2.5 meters high. The western and southern sides are protected by a wire fence about two meters high topped with three rows of barbed wire.

Power

4. "The factory power plant was built in 1950. It is a brick building, one-story high. It supplies the city of Liberec with electric power. It also works as a distributor of electric power from the power plants of Hirschberg.

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Raw Materials

5. "TOTEX Chrastava receives copper and ball bearings from the USSR. It receives machine parts from the Kovomat firm's central depot in Liberec. The factory has priority from the Ministry of War and Ministry of Agriculture for supplies of raw materials and parts.

Production

6. "G ostensibly TOTEX produces textile machinery. Actually, its production includes the following:
- (a) Spare parts for the engines of Zetor-15, Zetor-25 and Skoda-30 tractors.
 - (b) Axletrees and axles for the Zetor-15, Zetor-25 and Skoda-30 tractors.
 - (c) The struts into the cylinders of the Zetor-15 and Zetor-25 tractors.
 - (d) The Zetor-35 tractor, which moves on tracks.
 - (e) Harvesters
 - (f) Tracks for Soviet tanks.

7. "The tractor spare parts, axletrees, axles and struts are shipped to the Krajske Podnikove Zemedelske Zasadovani (Country Agricultural Supply Center) at Chrastava, Komarno and Ceske Budejovice. The harvesters are all shipped via Slovakia to a destination unknown [redacted].
[redacted] The tracks for Soviet tanks are picked up every six months by a Soviet military commission dressed in civilian clothes.

8. "The Five-Year Plan was fulfilled 112% [date not specified]. There are almost no production rejects because the workers must pay for all rejects out of their wages.

Labor

9. "There are about 3000 employees of whom 40% are women. No brigade workers or political prisoners are employed. There are no permanent Soviet employees.
10. "Most of the workers are satisfied with their wages. The grinders who grind and sharpen tools earn 2600 Kcs per month in the new currency [redacted]. Another reason for good morale, apart from good wages, is that the workers are entitled to buy goods of all kinds for cheap prices in the factory shops.
11. "Most workers eat in the workers' mess in the former Praha hotel on Nadrazni Ulice (Railway Street).
12. "Only a few live in the three factory houses. The rest live away from the factory, some as far as Liberec, Jablonec and Hradec nad Nisou. The factory is building family homes for employees. Workers will be entitled to buy these houses in installments.
13. "The chief of the depot of finished products is Jaroslav Sarček. He is about 35, married, with one child. He has a round face and brown hair. He is liked by the workers and is a Communist only on paper.
14. "Once a week there is a meeting of all factory employees. Every day after work there is a workers' meeting for 10 minutes for political instruction.

Security

15. "Twelve members of the factory guard are always on duty in the main guard house. One member of the factory guard walks around the whole factory area by day; two do by night. Guards check the special permits of employees entering the depot of the funicular railway (number 7 on diagram) and another workshop [redacted] number 4 on diagram). The regular factory identity card is not valid for those two buildings.

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ENCLOSURE (A): Sketch Showing Layout of the TOTEX Factory in Chrastava with Legend

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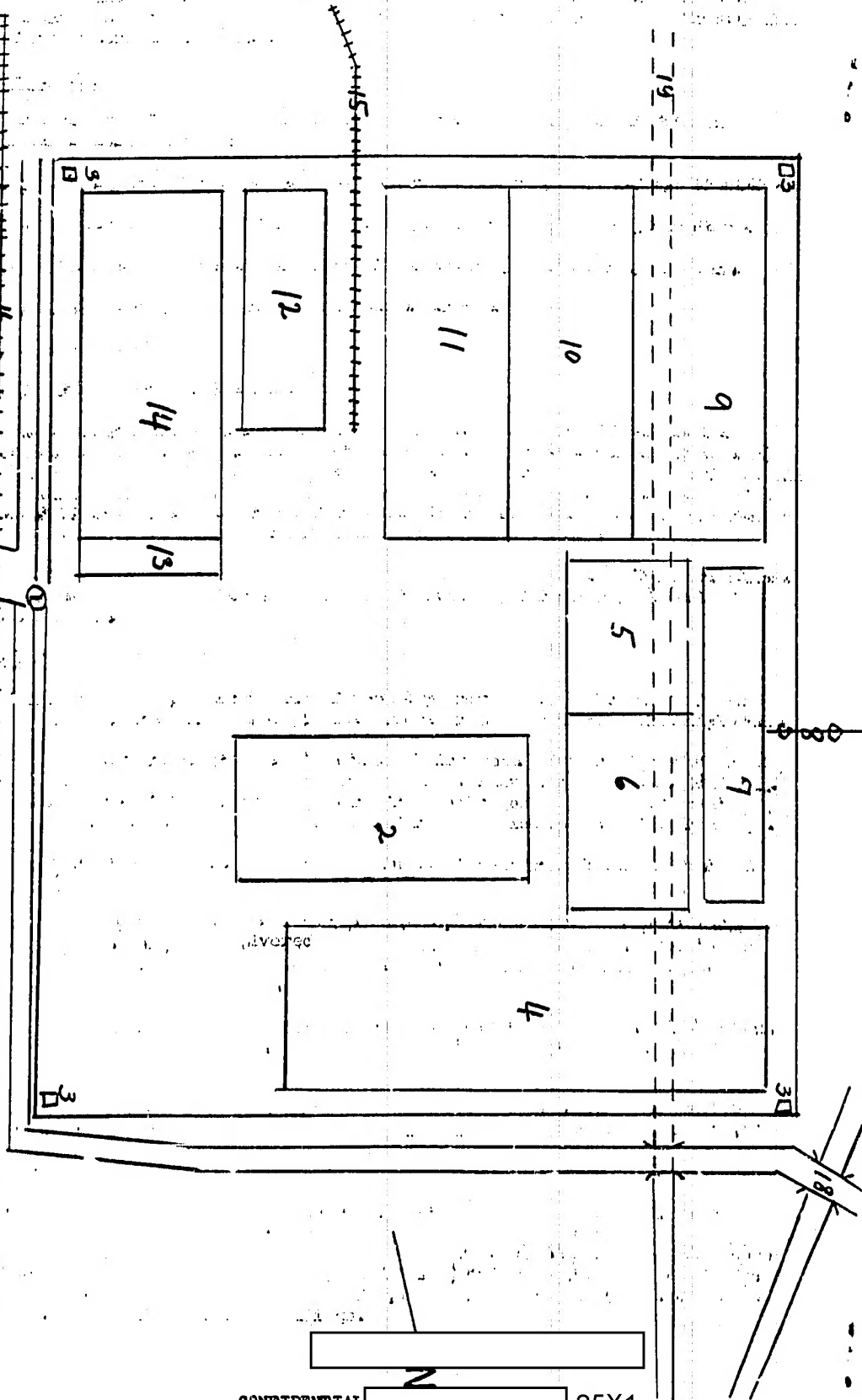
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ENCLOSURE (A)

Layout of TOTEX, Chirstava

"Following is a layout sketch of the TOTEX factory in Chirstava.



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Legend

- (1) Main gate
- (2) Garages and workshop for the repair of factory trucks and automobiles. This is a concrete building three stories high. The repair shops are on the ground floor. Spare parts for vehicles are produced above.
- (3) Guard houses.
- 25X1 (4) Workshop, purpose unknown Concrete and iron building with five floors. A special permit, other than the regular factory identity card, is required for entrance to this building. The permits are checked by guards stationed between (2), (5) and (11) and between (2) and the fence.
- (5) Boiler house. One-story brick building.
- (6) Power plant. One-story brick building.
- (7) Depot near the funicular railway. The narrow gauge railway runs into it.
- (8) Funicular railway which links the factory depot with the main depot situated in the forest, about 350 m west of the factory area.
- (9) Turners' workshop. This workshop is said to have lathes 12 to 18 m long. One-story concrete building.
- (10) Grinding workshop. Grinding of tools and the struts into the cylinder heads, also the axletrees. Some of the grinding machines have 'magnetic installations'. One-story concrete building.
- 25X1 (11) Workshop, purpose unknown One-story concrete building.
- (12) Depot of finished products.
- (13) Offices, gatekeepers room
- 25X1 (14) Workshops, purpose unknown (13) and (14) are in one building, about three stories high.
- (15) Branch railway line to the factory.
- (16) Railway line Liberec - Hradec nad Nisou
- (17) Chrastava railway station
- (18) Road running through Bily Kostel and Zenska Hora.
- (19) Underground channel near the Nisa River, for the factory power plant."

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